

**SERVICE MEMBER AND MILITARY SPOUSE RESIDENCY AND RECOGNITION**

**BEGINNING IN 2022 THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT REQUIRES STATES TO RECOGNIZE PROFESSIONAL LICENSES FOR SERVICEMEMBERS AND THEIR SPOUSES.**

***Who qualifies for recognition?***

If you are a:

1. Servicemember **OR** Servicemember's Spouse **WHO IS**
2. Relocated to Maryland because of military orders **AND**
3. Possess a professional license in good standing from another state or states **AND**
4. Has actively used that professional license in the **two years prior to relocation**

***What does it mean for Maryland to recognize a professional license under PL 117-333?***

Servicemembers or Servicemembers' Spouses who meet the criteria for recognition will receive a Letter of Recognition indicating that they may use their professional license to practice in Maryland for the duration of the military orders.

***Do I have to apply for recognition?***

Yes. If you believe you qualify for recognition under PL 117-333 please complete and return the application for recognition. Please be aware that "recognition" will only last for the duration of any military orders that require you to relocate to Maryland.

**\*\*Please contact the Board Office for a copy of this application by emailing [mdotboard.user@maryland.gov](mailto:mdotboard.user@maryland.gov) or calling 410-402-8556.\*\***

If you wish to obtain a Maryland *license* that will not automatically expire if your orders or your spouse's orders change, please complete and return the application for licensure.

***Is there a fee to obtain recognition?***

There is no fee to obtain recognition from Maryland pursuant to PL 117-333. You are required to maintain your professional license in good standing in other jurisdictions. Obtaining recognition in Maryland pursuant to PL 117-333 **does not** relieve you of any obligations to remain in good standing and pay renewal fees in other jurisdictions where you hold full licensure.